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Lt. General Joseph F. Carroll *Carroll*
Director
Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Joe:

With reference to your letter of 21 January 1963, I fully appreciate and understand that additional analysis and coordination is necessary within DOD before we can arrive at firm arrangements for cohesive participation of DOD and CIA personnel within the NPIC organization and related matters involving servicing of the common needs of the intelligence community. At the same time I am sure you realize that we urgently need to resolve the matters under discussion in order that NPIC can proceed with its operations and planning on an orderly basis, as the national center it is directed to be.

There is one point in your letter of particular concern to me. You indicate that actions under way may result in consolidation of the three DOD departmental elements at NPIC within a single DIA element and apparently feel that the current existence of three independent service elements is a major block to efficient operations. While I agree that internal coordination at NPIC will be simpler under a DIA consolidation, I believe that this would not in itself be a significant step forward. I would view it only as a brief interim step towards early integration of personnel into a truly joint photo analysis division.

DIA review(s) completed.

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Meanwhile, if there are further inputs, planning assistance or information ^{from} for NPIC necessary to help you or any part of DOD in arriving at a decision with respect to photo interpretation activities, please let me know.

Faithfully yours,



Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

cc: DD/I

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Dear Pat:

I have re-examined the proposed concept for reorganization of the resources committed to the NPIC by the CIA and the three military departments and can see that it represents a radical departure from the awkward arrangement which has existed in the past. I believe that a good deal of this difficulty has stemmed from the fact that the Department of Defense is represented by three different elements at NPIC, together with the fact that teams to work on joint projects were organized ad hoc by drawing from four different pools of interpreter resources.

As you perhaps know, we are presently staffing a DIA photo intelligence concept which addresses itself to the overall photo interpreter needs of the DIA and which, if approved, will entail considerable reorganization of overall DOD photo intelligence resources in the Washington area. This concept, while concerned primarily with those departmental photo intelligence resources required in support of DIA's internal Department of Defense responsibilities, also provides for the consolidation of the existing three departmental NPIC elements into a single DIA element of approximately 75 personnel. In order to provide for continuity in working on successive joint projects within the NPIC, I am giving serious consideration to organizing the DIA element into permanent specialized units which will equate to the structure of the proposed Photo Analysis Division of the NPIC. I am sure that, once our photo intelligence concept has been approved by the Secretary of Defense, many of the problems which have beset the NPIC will be overcome by the

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establishment of a single DOD element which will have fairly stable internal organization. At such time as our plans are approved by the JCS and the Secretary of Defense, we will be in a position to develop, in coordination with the NPIC, such alterations in present arrangements as are required to permit the NPIC to function most efficiently in responding to our mutual needs.

I appreciated the opportunity to join you and Mr. McCone for an initial visit to the new facility, and have obtained a valuable first-hand appreciation of the potential of this installation. You may be sure that, in finalizing our facilities requirements, we will give every consideration to using the NPIC building to the fullest extent practicable. In this connection, I am sure you realize that the DIA is not establishing a totally new requirement for a photo intelligence capability. We are rearranging and realigning existing capabilities which presently exist within the military departments so as to better meet DIA's overall intelligence responsibilities.

Most sincerely,

JOSEPH F. CARROLL
Lt. General, USAF
Director

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